



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20463

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRED EILAND
PRESS OFFICE

THROUGH: BOB COSTA *BC*

FROM: JUDY HAWKINS

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF AUDIT REPORT -
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report of the National Federation of Republican Women which was approved by the Commission on November 28, 1979.

All informational copies of the report have been received by all parties involved and this report may be released to the public.

Attachment as stated

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION
ON THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the National Federation of Republican Women ("the Committee") undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission in accordance with the Commission's audit policy to determine whether there has been compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 438(a)(8) of Title 2 of the United States Code which directs the Commission to make from time to time audits and field investigations with respect to reports and statements filed under the provisions of the Act.

The Committee registered with the Comptroller General of the United States on April 19, 1972 as an affiliate of the Republican National Committee (RNC). The Committee maintains its headquarters in Washington, D.C. The audit covered the period January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1978.

This audit report is based on documents and working papers which support each of the factual statements. They form part of the record upon which the Commission based its decisions on the matters in the report and were available to Commissioners and appropriate staff for review.

B. Key Personnel

The principal officers during the period audited were Ms. Pat Hutar, Chairman and Ms. Betty Rendle, Treasurer for the period January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1977; Ms. Betty Heitman, Chairman and Ms. Phyllis Kelly, Treasurer for the period January 1, 1978 to the present.

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C. Scope

The audit included a review of the solicitation material, expenditures and individual transactions; review of required supporting documentation and analysis of Committee debts and obligations; and such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

II. Auditor's Statement

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, that the National Federation of Republican Women is not a political committee as defined by Section 431(d) of Title 2 of the United States Code and therefore not subject to the reporting requirements of the Act.

This opinion is based on the fact that the Committee did not receive contributions or make expenditures in an aggregate amount exceeding \$1,000 for the purpose of influencing Federal elections during any of the calendar years audited. The Committee came into existence as an organization to promote political education and activity, to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government, to facilitate cooperation among the Committee, state federations and local clubs, and to promote the principles of the Republican Party. The Committee registered and filed reports pursuant to the Act believing that it was required to do so. The Committee is receptive to being terminated as a political committee.

Recommendation

Based upon the information presented in this report, the Audit staff recommends that the Committee be administratively terminated by the Commission and informed of the termination.

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